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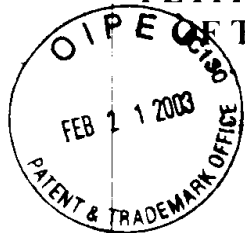
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February 14, 2003

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR
1.136(a)**



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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____
- ☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
- ☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 930
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 465.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0815. If additional fees are required, including extensions of time, please consider this a petition therefore. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

I am the: ☐ applicant/inventor

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.
See 37CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,
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